

Global overview

- national EQASs: about **80 countries**
- Size: **7 to more than 30 000 laboratories**
- Supervision: Countries with limited resources **health authorities**
- Majority of industrialized cs.: **NGOs & private institutions**
- Organization: countries with limited resources **mainly centralized**
- Industrialized cs. **decentralized, regionalized, decentralized**

Sustainability & organization of EQASs (Janet Nicholson)

1. Sustainability of EQAS programmes considering

- political, financial technical issues (government support - self-sustained – external support)

2. Successful structures of programmes

- what are suitable indicators of success?
 - EQAS management independent or by clinical laboratory?

Operational characteristics of surveys (Bill Donohue)

Responsibility of provider for

- disclosing information on quality of q.c. material to participants?
- for interpretation of results of laboratory's performance?

External review & programme quality indicators (Lloyd Penberthy)

1. PT/EQA programmes self-regulated or externally reviewed, considering
 - infrastructures of countries
 - availability of authorized bodies for external audit
2. Relevant quality indicators of PT/EQA programmes,
 - technical?
 - medical?

Objectives & harmonization of EQASs (Chris Hamilton)

1. Educational vs. regulatory aims as EQAS objectives considering
 - national healthcare legislation and regulations
 - professional structure of laboratory services

2. Harmonization/standardization considering
 - efficiency of NGOs in standard setting
 - criteria for standard setting: technical and/or medical?

Standardization&laboratory audits(HaroldRichardson)

1.EQA/PT'sroleinstandardizationoftestsandmeasurement
procedures?

- interactionofPT/providerswithindustry
- roleofEQAprovidersintransferoftechnology

2.ShouldPT/EQAprovidersinspectlaboratories
participatingintheirsurveys?

- roleofEQAprovidersinlaboratorypolicymaking
- roleofEQAprovidersinmanagementofnational
laboratorynetworks

Conducting EQA/PT

(Nicholas Serafy Jr .)

1. EQA/PT surveys by
 - pre-assessed q.c. materials
 - re-examination of patients specimens
 - to detect poor laboratory performance?
2. Comparison of traditional PT and tutorial PT, considering
 - logistic concerns
 - cost-effectiveness

Make practical recommendations(!!)

to promote and improve EQA/PT
programmes of all countries, but
particularly of countries with limited
resources

Subgroup Leaders and Recorders

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SubgroupDiscussions

- Limit4bulletsforeachquestion

Heuck

2:15-5:30

- Subgroup1:BallroomEFG
- Subgroup2:BallroomEFG
- Subgroup3:BallroomEFG
- Subgroup4:BallroomEFG
- Subgroup5:Suite212
- Subgroup6:Suite312

Working Breakfast
Dr. Heuck & Subgroup Leaders
7:00-8:00am
Tuesday, Feb. 26th

**Working Breakfast: Dr. Heuck and
Subgroup Leaders will have a working
Breakfast in Suite 212.